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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RELEASE AGENDA FOR HEALTH CARE SUMMIT ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services today released the agenda for the Health Care Summit on Emergency Communications: Preparedness, Response and Recovery to be held on Thursday, November 1, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The Summit will focus on hospital emergency communications plans and preparedness efforts, including the use of alternative technologies to bolster response capabilities. The panelists will examine the benefits of utilizing broadband networks, to support telemedicine, and other communications infrastructure that will improve information-sharing capabilities and further strengthen the Nation's response to pandemics or bioterrorism-related events.

The event will be open to the public; however, admittance will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending the summit may pre-register on-line at: http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/summits/healthcare/ no later than October 29, 2007. Individuals may also contact Andrew Harrison 202-418-1812 regarding pre-registration. A live web cast will be available at www.fcc.gov.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible; please allow at least 5 days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

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HEALTH CARE SUMMIT
Emergency Communications: Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) &
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305)
445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554

Thursday, November 1, 2007

9:00 a.m. – **Welcome**

- **Derek Poarch**, Chief, FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, PSHSB
- **Kevin Yeskey, M.D.**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

9:20 a.m. – **Opening Remarks**

9:40 a.m. – **Presentation: FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program – 'Expanding Patient Access to Quality Care, Improving Public Health Information Sharing Capabilities through broadband telehealth networks'**

- **Jake E. Jennings**, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

10:00 a.m. – **Panel One: Emergency Communications in Hospitals – building reliable and redundant communications systems, and implementing programs and policies that will help protect and restore the systems during crisis situations. The discussion will also focus on the benefits of utilizing alternative technologies in emergencies.**

Moderator: **William Lane**, Chief Engineer, PSHSB

PANELISTS:

1) **Dean Brenner**, Vice President, Government Affairs, QUALCOMM, Inc**.**
2) **Ted O'Brien**, Vice President and General Manager, Iridium Satellite, LLC
3) **Paul Richter**, Emergency Management Coordinator, South Carolina Hospital Association
4) **Dennis Tomczyk**, Director, Hospital Emergency Preparedness, Wisconsin Division of Public Health
5) **Scott Westbroek**, Chief, Operations and Preparedness, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Utah Department of Health
6**) David M. White, Ph.D**., Program Manager, Emergency Response Networks, Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory
7) **John Wilgis**, Director, Emergency Management Services, Florida Hospital Association

11:20 a.m. – Break

11:35 a.m. – **Presentation: "Innovation in Policy and Technology," Pilot Program for Pandemic Planning and Response, Oakland County, MI**

- **Antonio M. Oftelie**, Associate Director, Harvard Policy Group & the Leadership for a Networked World Program, Harvard University

12:00 p.m. – **Panel Two: Emergency Communications in Public Health, preparing for a Pandemic. The discussion will focus on the health care sector's response to public health emergencies, as well as the benefits of utilizing broadband networks, to support telemedicine, and other communications infrastructure that will improve information-sharing capabilities and further strengthen the Nation's response to pandemics or bioterrorism-related events.**

Moderator: **Murad Raheem**, Branch Chief, Electronics and Communications, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, HHS

PANELISTS:

1) **Craig DeAtley**, Director, Institute for Public Health Emergency Readiness, Washington Center Hospital, Washington DC,
2) **Lisa Kaplowitz, M.D**., Deputy Commissioner for Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response, Virginia Department of Health
3) **John Linkous**, Executive Director, American Telemedicine Association
4) **Ravi Nemana**, Executive Director, Center for Information Technology Research, Berkeley, CA
5) **Christian E. Sandrock**, **M.D, M.P.H., F.C.C.P**, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, University of California Davis, Medical Center
6) **Thomas G. Savel, M.D.,** Associate Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Public Health Informatics, Atlanta, GA
7) **Tim Wiedrich,** Chief, Emergency Preparedness and Response Section, North Dakota Department of Health

1:20 p.m. **– Closing Remarks**

- **Chief Derek Poarch**

1:30 p.m. – Summit Concludes

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